



MY APRON DEARIE.

My sheep I neglected, I lost my sheep-hook,
 And all the gay-haunts of my youth I forsook,
 No more for AMINTA fresh garlands I wove;
 For ambition, I said, would cure me of love.
 O! what had my youth with ambition to do?
 Why left I AMINTA? why broke I my vow?
 O! give me my sheep, and my sheep-hook restore,
 I'll wander from love and AMINTA no more.

Thro' regions remote in vain do I rove,
 And bid the wide ocean secure me from love;
 O fool! to imagine that aught can subdue,
 A love so well founded, a passion so true.
 O! what had my youth with ambition to do?
 Why left I AMINTA? why broke I my vow?
 O! give me my sheep, and my sheep-hook restore,
 I'll wander from love, and AMINTA no more.

Alas! 'tis too late at thy fate to repine;
 Poor Shepherd, AMINTA no more can be thine:
 Thy tears are all fruitless, thy wishes are vain,
 The moments neglected return not again!
 O! what had my youth with ambition to do?
 Why left I AMINTA? why broke I my vow?
 O! give me my sheep, and my sheep-hook restore,
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Largo

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the piano accompaniment and a single staff for the voice. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked 'Largo'. The lyrics are written below the voice staff, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score consists of five systems of music, each with a voice line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes chords and arpeggiated figures. The voice part is a single melodic line.